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# NYC police push for assault weapon ban

► Officers say New York City is vulnerable to assault weapons, which threaten crowded areas and officers' protective vests ► Cops recovered 15,000 guns in last decade {page 02}

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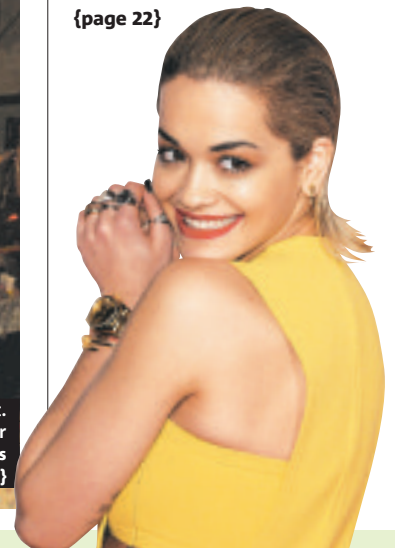
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**Rita Ora shares  
the trick to her  
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► 'You can do bright red  
on the outside and dark red  
on the inside and blend it'  
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## In the news

**Man arrested after Bronx murder**

Police arrested a man for a Bronx homicide. Cops said yesterday they charged Jamel Hunter, 30, with murder in the case of a November homicide. Around 9 a.m. on Nov. 30, police had responded to 20-year-old Paris Thomas on 178th Street in the Bronx, finding him shot in the legs and torso. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

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## In the news

**Baruch director admits forgery**

A Baruch College academic director admitted fraudulently inflating students grades, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance said yesterday. According to prosecutors, Christ Koutsoutis, 56, inflated grades to help students meet the requirements for completion of a master's degree in the school's business program. He will be sentenced in February.

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## In the news

**Rainbow Room now landmark**

**MANHATTAN.** The City Council Land Use Committee has declared the Rainbow Room a landmark, a rare move for the interior of a building. The city is hoping for a new investor for the famed restaurant, since the Cipriani family gave up the property in 2009 after a dispute with the Rockefeller Center landlord, Tishman Speyer, according to the New York Post. Located on the 65th floor of 30 Rockefeller Center, the Rainbow Room was the first high-rise restaurant in the city when it opened in 1934.

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**Elderly man hit by bus**

**BROOKLYN.** An unidentified 78-year-old man was hit by a small bus while attempting to cross the street at the corner of Ocean Parkway and Kings Highway in Brooklyn. The police have not identified the 60-year-old bus driver, and they do not suspect criminality, though they said the investigation is ongoing.

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**MTA bus driver arrested after BK assault**

**UNDERGROUND.** MTA bus driver Robert Volkens was arrested for assault Tuesday morning in Brooklyn. MTA spokesman Kevin Ortiz said the incident occurred as a result of a fare dispute with a rider, and the alleged assault took place on the street. Ortiz said that appropriate action will be taken after a thorough investigation. ● METRO/DT

# Man charged with bombing plot

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**Police called this the 16th known terrorist plot against the city since 9/11.**

Qazi was denied a request to be released by a Florida judge this week.

Qazi, a resident of Oakland Park, Fla., and born in Pakistan, was arrested with his brother, Sheheryar Alam Qazi, 30, Nov. 29 after an investigation by the FBI and NYPD officers.

Both men were charged with trying to provide material support to terrorists and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction.

Cops said they found bomb-making materials and instructions in the Florida home, including "a strand of Christmas tree lights, batteries taped together, high-strength peroxide, remote-controlled car parts, wires and volt meters."

But Qazi could not finance the plan and ran out of money, cops said.

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**Visited NYC tourist spots**

Qazi was in New York on Nov. 24, trying to get cash to finance his plans to build an explosive device and scoping out potential sites, including Times Square and Wall Street, cops said. He also admitted to reaching out to al Qaeda and reading the group's Inspire magazine, according to the NYPD. He had been in Pakistan as recently as July 2011, police said.

# Cops say NYC vulnerable, want assault weapons ban

► Officers say the weapons could shoot through body armor ► Collected about 15,000 weapons



► Police Commissioner Ray Kelly grasps a confiscated assault rifle.

**Quoted**

**"Bloomberg has suggested gun control, but it's more complicated than that. Violence is ingrained in our society, and it's something we have to work with in terms of our families and cultures."**

JOHN ETERNO

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly in his criticism of assault weapons that are capable of piercing body armor.

The police officers who could come across those guns are speaking up, too, calling for a ban on assault weapons.

"There is no legitimate reason for an assault weapon with their high-capacity magazines to ever be in the hands of a private citizen," said Patrick Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. "We wholeheartedly support an ab-

**Thousands of weapons recovered**

The NYPD has recovered 15,754 guns since its first buy-back program in 2002 — a portion of that being assault weapons. Eterno said cops often discover assault weapons during gang or drug busts. "In general, if you have a drug dealer, there will be some sort of weapon," he said. "A typical cop is only armed with a 9mm Glock, and if you come across this type of weapon, it will be a major problem."

solute ban on the sale to, or possession of, assault weapons to anyone except the military or law enforcement officers."

John Eterno, a retired NYPD captain and professor at Molloy College, said that although concealed handguns are most commonly encountered on the job, assault weapons pose a serious threat to New York City in particular.

"Just one weapon can do a lot of damage," Eterno said. "Think of Times Square or places where there are crowds. Officers would be in a very difficult situation."



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Indictment  
in 1994  
cold case

**HARLEM.** There has finally been an indictment in the 18-year-old murder of Isabelle Joye, Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance announced Tuesday. Joye was 32 years old and pregnant when she was found dead on a roof in Harlem in 1994. The case was reopened earlier this year after forensic testing of physical evidence from the crime scene. The indicted is Melvin Kelly, now 55, who also goes by the name Anthony Jones. Joye was found by a young boy, half-naked and strangled to death. She was five months pregnant at the time.

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**18** It's been 18 years since Joye was killed.

## New Year. Party



► Times Square is getting ready for 2013.

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## Preparing for the new year in Manhattan

Lucky Number "13" arrived at the Times Square Visitor Center yesterday, ready to light up for the new year in a few short days. The display will be part of the festivities celebrating 2013 inside Times Square on New Year's Eve. ● METRO

MTA to raise  
fares in 2013

Taking the train every month just got \$8 more expensive.

The MTA approved fare hikes yesterday, bumping the unlimited monthly pass from \$104 to \$112.

A single ride will increase 25 cents, to \$2.50. Other changes include increasing the seven-day unlimited MetroCard from \$29 to \$30.

The fare hike was not as high as it could have been — other proposals included raising the monthly unlimited to \$125.

In a statement, the Straphangers Campaign said the agency needs state aid.

"We think these biennial fare hikes have led to the riding public paying more than their fair share," the group said in a statement, which also expressed concern that infrastructure damage will mean more hardship.

Lhota gets  
mayoral  
attention

Attending the meeting was MTA Chair Joe Lhota, who said yesterday he will resign and leave the job Dec. 31. He is expected to run for mayor. The Straphangers Campaign said Lhota deserves good marks for the year he spent at the agency. They said he restored service quickly after Sandy, found millions in savings and added or restored the \$30 million in bus and subway service that was cut in 2010.

You still have a few months to get used to the change — the new fares start in March.



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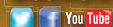
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# Celebrities join in PAL holiday party



► Kids and their toys enjoyed the PAL holiday party.

Talk-show host Wendy Williams, New York Knicks legend Walt Frazier, "30 Rock" star Grizz Chapman and model Carol Alt were among the celebrities roaming around the Police Athletic League's Harlem Center on Saturday during the organization's annual holiday party.

Parents and staff excitedly snapped photos and made small talk with them. But the 600 kids in attendance — including many from Staten Island,

the Rockaways and other areas heavily affected by Hurricane Sandy — barely glanced up from their carnival games and toys, except when Clifford the Dog and Santa Claus impersonators came by.

"Santa is the biggest celebrity in the house," joked PAL President John Osborn.

The purpose of the event, he explained, is to provide less fortunate youth with "a holiday spirit pick-me-up."

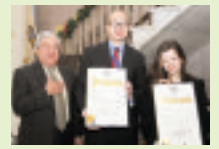
Chapman told Metro that he was hoping to bring a little happiness to the kids, particularly in the wake of the horrific Connecticut school shooting, while Walt Frazier said looking at the kids with their toys reminded him of his own youth.

"A few of the kids said they liked my [bright-red] shoes," but only the moms and dads recognize me," Frazier said.



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## In the news



### BP Markowitz honors subway heroes in BK

Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz recognized two subway heroes this week at Borough Hall: Victor Samuel, of Queens, and Brooklynite Doreen Winkler. Samuel and Winkler rescued Jack Simmons when he fell on the tracks in front of an approaching 5 train at the Bowling Green station two weeks ago. Simmons reportedly suffered a seizure and tumbled down. Samuel jumped in, and Winkler pulled both to safety. "No matter where you might be from, you both have the Brooklyn swagger," Markowitz said.

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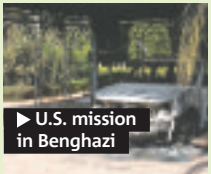
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## In the news



► U.S. mission in Benghazi

### Inquiry slams State Department over Benghazi

WASHINGTON. Security at the U.S. mission in Benghazi, Libya, was grossly inadequate to deal with a Sept. 11 attack that killed a U.S. ambassador and three others because of failures within the State Department, an official inquiry found on Tuesday.

In a scathing assessment, the review cited "leadership and management" deficiencies at two department offices, poor coordination among officials and "real confusion" in Washington and in the field over who had

the responsibility, and the power, to make decisions that involved policy and security concerns. **REUTERS**

### UBS fined \$1.5B in scandal over interest rates

ZURICH. Swiss bank UBS agreed to a \$1.5 billion fine on Wednesday after admitting to fraud and bribery in a deepening scandal over the rigging of global benchmark interest rates. Dozens of UBS staff manipulated the Libor rate, which is used to price trillions of dollars' worth of loans across three continents, in collusion with brokers and traders at other banks, according to an international investigation.

U.S. prosecutors also lodged criminal charges against two former UBS senior traders for the Libor manipulation, the first individuals to be charged in the wide-ranging investigation that involves more than a dozen big banks.

**REUTERS**

# Biden to head gun control task force

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► President Barack Obama speaks as Vice President Joe Biden looks on.

President Barack Obama announced yesterday that Vice President Joe Biden will lead an effort to come up with policies to address gun violence amid calls for action following the massacre of 26 people including 20 children in a Connecticut elementary school last week.

The president did not announce policy decisions but rather laid out the process by which his administration will move forward.

Obama has turned to Biden in the past to take a role in high-profile policy initiatives, such as efforts to seek a deficit-reduction compromise with congressional Republicans in 2011.

Biden's mission — to coordinate a process among government agencies to formulate policies in the wake of the Newtown shootings —

comes just days after an event that has generated a national outcry for greater efforts to stem gun violence.

The Connecticut massacre was the fourth shooting rampage to claim multiple lives in the United States this year.

The president issued a

call to action at a memorial service in Newtown on Sunday, demanding changes to the way the United States deals with gun violence. Obama said that in coming weeks he would "use whatever power this office" holds to start efforts to preventing further tragedies. **REUTERS**

### Gun culture

► Gun control has been a low priority for most U.S. politicians due to the widespread popularity of guns in America and the clout of the National Rifle Association, the powerful gun-industry lobby.

► The constitutional right to bear arms is seen by many Americans as set in stone, and even after mass shootings, politicians have tiptoed around specific steps to limit access to lethal weapons.

► Even so, the horror of the Newtown killings, in which a 20-year-old man killed 6- and 7-year-old children and their teachers in their classrooms before taking his own life, has provoked an apparent change of heart in some politicians who have previously opposed gun control. **REUTERS**



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# Obama is Time's POTY; men hit the malls

## 'Tis the season



► More men hit the malls for last-minute shopping.

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## US men take holiday shopping to the edge

For many men, it's all-or-nothing time for holiday shopping. Either they have already done all their shopping, or they have completed none of it, a Reuters/Ipsos poll shows.

Eighteen percent of total respondents to the survey said they had none of their holiday shopping done, unchanged from a survey the previous week. But more men were shopping laggards, with 20.6

percent versus 15.6 percent of women saying they still had bought no gifts.

Men also were more likely than women to say that they had all of their holiday shopping done, 9.5 percent versus 25.6 percent for women.

"Men tend to keep their list smaller and concise, as wives already took care of the majority of gifts," said Jharonne Martis, director of consumer research for Thomson Reuters.

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## Phones covered

## US tightens rules protecting children's online privacy laws

Regulators are taking steps to protect the privacy of children when they go online by requiring parental consent before companies collect certain information.

The changes mark an update to rules based on the 1998 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, developed when most computers were big boxes sitting on office desks instead of smartphones in backpacks and permeating most aspects of daily life. **REUTERS**

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► Children online

## Selected again



## Obama named Time 'POTY'

Time has tapped President Barack Obama for its Person of the Year for the second time, citing his historic reelection last month as symbolic of the nation's shifting demographics and the rise of younger, more diverse Americans.

In announcing its annual selection yesterday, the magazine called Obama the "Architect of the New America."

Obama was also selected for the honor in 2008 when he became the nation's first black president. **REUTERS**

## Newtown shootings

## More funerals for slain children

Six more victims of the Newtown school shooting were honored at funerals and remembrances yesterday, including the school principal, who was killed along with 20 of her students and five other staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The massacre of so many children, most of them just 6 or 7 years old, has shocked the U.S. and the world, renewing debate over gun control in a nation where the right to bear arms is protected by the Constitution and fiercely defended by many. **REUTERS**

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► A child's funeral

## Talks turn sour

## Obama threatens to veto GOP plan

Progress in talks to avoid a fiscal crisis appeared to stall yesterday as President Obama accused Republicans of digging in their heels because of personal grudges, while a Republican leader called the president "irrational."

Obama and John Boehner have been negotiating a deal to avert harsh tax hikes and spending cuts scheduled for January that could trigger a recession. Obama said he was puzzled over what was holding up the talks. **REUTERS**

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## 'Best of' series

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### Best discrete and relatively painless bikini wax:

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484 Broome St.,  
212-343-9444,  
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When it comes to personal pruning below the belt, you only trust a skilled few — which is why we can safely recommend this SoHo spot for quick and reasonable — and nearly painless — waxing.

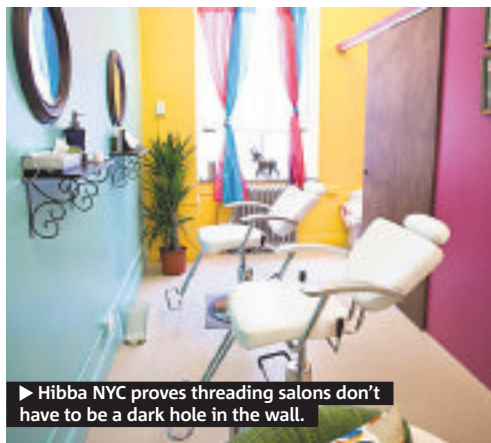
### Best oak leaf beating that'll restore your skin and spirit:

**Russian and Turkish Baths**  
268 E. 10th St.,  
212-505-0665,  
www.russianturkishbaths.com

Sometimes old-school is the only way to go. At the Russian and Turkish Baths in Alphabet City, the techniques employed are ancient but the results will be very real. With an ice cold pool, saunas, a steam room and even a sun deck, this facility offers plenty of amenities to help you cool your jets.

### Best place to feel like you're in a colorful Bollywood movie while getting your eyebrows threaded to perfection:

**Hibba NYC**  
Soho: 448 W. Broadway,  
212-260-4321  
Midtown: 315 Madison Ave., 212-661-1695  
Before opening up her SoHo salon in 2010, threading star Hibba Kapil worked a 9 to 5 in Midtown. "I would go to a local threading salon and it looked like yet another cubicle. I felt like threading salons don't have to look like a gym locker room," says Kapil. Hibba offers expert, all-natural services — including amazing brow-shaping, waxing and sugaring, which involves an-all nat-



► Hibba NYC proves threading salons don't have to be a dark hole in the wall.

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ural paste made from sugar, lemon and water that's said to be better than other methods. Customers can also enjoy Ayurvedic facials in this bright, colorful and happy salon. At both cheery locations, upbeat Bollywood music and the sweet staff make you forget the pain of hair removal.

### Best place to get an eco-friendly blowout:

**Yarok Beauty Kitchen**  
39 W. 19th St., Ste. 610,  
212-876-4293,  
www.yarokhair.com

If the body is a temple, Yarok wants to give it as much eco-friendly devotion as possible. Mordechai Alvow is the mane man here, and his line of sustainable, organic products will shower your hair in nutrients and essential oils — not harsh chemicals. He'll custom-blend your color in a glass bleaker as you sit in one of the salon's three chairs; there's no bumrush of people in this quiet, tranquil and earthy space.

### Best way to get your makeup done for a

### wedding or party by the same artists who work backstage at Fashion Week — all for the cost of a lipstick:

**Nars on Bleeker St.**  
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Don't feel like dropping \$150 to get your makeup professionally done but aren't confident about your smoky-eye skills for the glam affair you have to attend? Make an appointment for a make-up application at Nars' Bleecker Street boutique. Here the makeup artists are hand-picked by Francois Nars and are part of the team working backstage at the biggest shows during Fashion Week. They'll get you runway ready all for the cost of a lipstick, which you'll use to stay looking fab throughout the night.

### Best place to use the machines (if you can afford membership):

**CLAY**  
25 W. 14th St., 212-206-9200  
www.insideclay.com  
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dio is an ultra-chic, insiders-only wellness hub (membership is capped), where Metro's own Kristin McGee is a yoga teacher. There are private saunas, a rooftop sundeck and concierge and laundry services. It's not a bare-bones gym, and you'll pay the price for it (membership starts at \$160 per month), but if you can splurge, this is where to go.

### Best workout that will make it hard to climb the subway stairs the next day:

**Chaise 23**  
40 E. 23rd St., third floor,  
212-432-6100,  
www.chaise23.com  
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## the best of 2012: health and beauty



► Kira Stokes will get you stoked for her animal-inspired workouts.

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Thirty minutes seems doable, until you get to Kira Stokes' class at Reebok. You'll use your own bodyweight to push, pull, jump, glide and crawl through class, just like animals do in the wild. For the newbie, it's a struggle — but if you're crunched for time, this is a hell of a workout to do. Available at Reebok Sports Club/NY.

### 'Best of' (cont.)

#### Best locker rooms with every convenience you could ever want:

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[www.sportsclubla.com/clubs/reebok-sports/index.php](http://www.sportsclubla.com/clubs/reebok-sports/index.php)  
Keypad lockers are just the beginning here. At nearly 4,000 square feet, these spacious locker rooms are the ultimate in postworkout pampering. The bi-level rooms boast showers stocked with all the essentials (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shave gel, razors) plus a sauna, steam room and Jacuzzi. Big-screen TVs show the news in the background.

#### Best gym that stays on-trend with its classes:

**New York Sports Club**  
Multiple locations,  
[www.mysportsclubs.com/clubsched/nysclubs.htm](http://www.mysportsclubs.com/clubsched/nysclubs.htm)  
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Most yoga studios like to think they are inviting, welcoming locations for those who want to connect with their inner om, but few (especially in ultra-competitive NYC) actually are. Bend and Bloom is the real deal — a comforting place for low-key pre- and postnatal classes. Not on the mommy track? They have plenty of classes for everyone else, too.

Train Like a Tribute" class or sculpting arms before Election Day that would make Michelle Obama jealous, no doubt about it, you'll leave class feeling refreshed — and a little more tuned into pop culture. Bonus: Many of the gym's themed classes are free for members and non-members alike!

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leave, you'll likely understand why some say it's a little cultish. Keep an eye out for Jake Gyllenhaal or Kelly Ripa on the bike next to you — word is that they're devoted Soul-sters.

#### Best postworkout smoothies:

**Barry's Bootcamp**  
135 W. 20th St.,  
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[www.barrysbootcamp.com](http://www.barrysbootcamp.com)  
After you sweat it out in the club-like studio that is Barry's (think: neon lights and pulsating music), replenish with one of the delicious drinks from its Fuel Bar. We're partial to the Chocolate Banana Peanut Butter (almond milk, banana, better n' peanut butter, low-fat unsweetened coco powder, chocolate protein), and this fall's seasonal pumpkin offering, which was milkshake heaven. Whichever flavor you get, don't plan on hunger pangs for a while: Each shake has 25-33 grams of protein, unless requested otherwise.

#### Best yoga facility that could double as a spiritual retreat:

**Yogaworks SoHo**  
459 Broadway,  
second floor,  
212-965-0801,  
[www.yogaworks.com](http://www.yogaworks.com)  
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## Bald ambition: These shorn actresses took it off for 2012

► No more long locks for these ladies ► Whether it was for a role of a lifetime or to bring awareness to a cause, here are some haircuts that turned heads this year

### The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Jennifer Lopez is happy to be done with her tour, Ralph Macchio is having trouble getting in the Christmas spirit, Roseanne Barr thinks the world is ending tomorrow and Jonah Hill is still feeling betrayed.

**@JLo**  
HOME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**@Ralphmacchio**  
Guess it's time to join the holiday shopping. Just not a fan of the obligatory equal or better gift mandates. #scrooging

**@TheRealRoseanne**  
Dear World: It's been nice knowing U,4 the most part altho ur stupidity brings about the end of life-12-21-12, at least we laughed alot! bye

**@JonahHill**  
Instagram, you were my favorite app and you stabbed me in the back. I feel like I married you and you just slept with my best friend.



Barr

### Anne Hathaway

**Why:** The actress had to shave her head for her role as the prostitute Fantine in "Les Misérables."

**Current length:** Short. "I love the short-haired lifestyle," Hathaway says in the December issue of Vogue. "I'm turning 30, and — I hope this isn't obnoxious to say — I feel prettier and much more myself. I guess I just feel much more satisfied with less now."



► From left to right: Hathaway, Theron, Cyrus and Pickler, below, cut back.

### Charlize Theron

**Why:** Theron's shaved head is courtesy of her latest film role, "Mad Max: Fury Road."

**Current length:** Still shaved.

Summer Miller, who had to undergo chemotherapy while being treated for breast cancer.

**Current length:** Growing out a tad. "We made a pact from the get-go that we would shave our heads together," Pickler told E! Online about sharing the look with her best pal. "And we did."



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### Miley Cyrus

**Why:** Probably because she's aching to be seen as more "edgy" than her Disney roots.

**Current length:** It hasn't gotten longer or shorter. It's only gotten crazier. As she wrote on Twitter when she first lost the locks, "Never felt more me in my whole life."



### Dude who could look more like these ladies

Brad! Your hair. I realize you have 23 children, but that is no excuse to let yourself go. Let's make 2013 be more "Fight Club" Pitt than "True Romance" Pitt. We women thank you.



Pitt, circa now

### Talking points

#### Stewart: Still on the apology train

**Kristen Stewart** knows she has upset more than a few fans over the course of her "Twilight" tenure — and especially since her summer cheating scandal. "I apologize to everyone for making them so angry. It was not my intention," the actress tells Newsweek. "It's not a terrible thing if you're either loved or hated. But honestly, I don't care because it doesn't keep me from doing my s—." And as for the hugely successful vampire franchise coming to an end? "The only relief when it comes to 'Twilight' is that the story is

done," she admits.

#### Middleton will try to stomach Christmas dinner

Despite her recent pregnancy-related hospitalization, **Kate Middleton** is vowing to put on a brave face for the Royal Family's

Christmas dinner, according to Radar Online. "Kate doesn't want to disappoint the Queen, nor does she want to skip on her duties," a source says. "She feels she is obliged to appear at the annual Christmas dinner and doesn't want to let anyone down." Her husband, though, is offering



ing an out. "**William** has his concerns, though, that she won't be up to it — and told Kate she shouldn't worry if she feels too sick to attend and that no one will judge her negatively," the source adds. "But Kate isn't having it and is determined to be at the dinner, smiling as always."

#### Jolie's next directing assignment

**Angelina Jolie** is set to return to the director's chair, choosing to adapt **Laura Hillenbrand's** WWII survival story, "Unbroken," as her second film, according to E! News. The story follows **Louis Zamperini**, an air force pilot who survived a crash and spent most of the

war in a Japanese prison camp. "I read Laura Hillenbrand's brilliant book and I was so moved ... I immediately began to fight for the opportunity to make this film," Jolie says.

#### Stefani on 'war,' marriage

**Gwen Stefani** uses some interesting analogies when discussing reaching her 10th anniversary with husband **Gavin Rossdale** to Vogue. "It's like these wars that go on and then you kind of get through to the other side, and it's like, 'Wow.'" The singer also says she enjoys the compromise that comes from being parents. "Having kids takes the whole relationship to another place. It is the ultimate collaboration."



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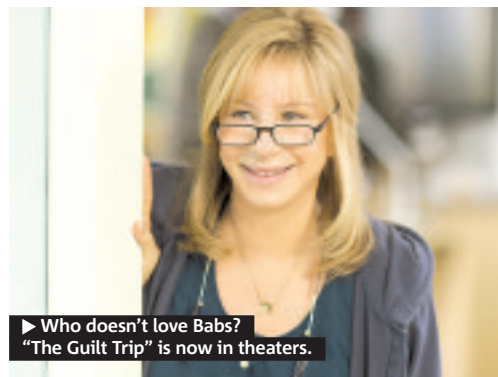
# 9 Things we learned from Barbra Streisand

► The star of 'The Guilt Trip' imparts the wisdom gained after decades of stardom as a singer, actress, writer and director

Barbra Streisand is many things — an acclaimed actress, singer, director and writer, political activist and philanthropist — but most of all she's a woman not afraid to speak her mind. So what wisdom did Streisand have to share while promoting "The Guilt Trip," her first starring role in a movie since "The Mirror Has Two Faces" in 1996?

**1 The secret to her success is staying home.** "I don't make that many movies and I don't make that many appearances," she says. "That's it. Less is more. And maybe that keeps a little mystery or something. I like to stay home a lot."

**2 She doesn't like where the film industry has been going.** "It's not the same as when I last made a film. They're not interested in love stories or any movie that's over \$15 million. But it



► Who doesn't love Babs? "The Guilt Trip" is now in theaters.

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could be \$100 million, that's OK. Two hundred million is OK to lose," she says with a laugh. "But movies that I'm used to making or liking, that draw me, they're movies that cost \$18 million, \$20 million, and they're not interested in those movies. It's a different time. I don't like it as much."

**3 She doesn't actually get sent that many scripts to**

consider. "I don't. You see, everybody gets like that. 'She must get so many scripts, why would I send it to her? She'll never get a chance to read it,'" Streisand laments. "Meanwhile I'll go, 'Where are the scripts?'"

**4 Getting her to do "The Guilt Trip" required an actual guilt trip from director Anne Fletcher.** "I remember on the boat I said to

Anne, 'Would you make the movie without me?' And she said no," Streisand recalls. "I felt bad, guilty. I said, 'Oh no, she's not going to have this job.'"

**5 While co-star Seth Rogen asked around about what working with Streisand would be like, she wasn't able to do any similar research.** "Seth, it turns out, sussed me out," she says. "He called people from the 'Focker' movies. I didn't know who to call. I don't know any of those people from his movies, so what was I going to do?"

**6 She's on social media — even if she doesn't know it.** "[Rogen] asked me if I had a Twitter account. I said, 'I don't know.' And he showed me that I do. Which I only use for political purposes, so I didn't know it was beyond that. I wouldn't be able to find it on my phone," Streisand admits.

**7 While she's widely considered a gay icon, she isn't necessarily to her openly gay son, Jason Gould.** "He doesn't see me as an icon. He sees me as his mother who touches his hair too much," she says. "But I love being an icon to anybody."

**8 Despite her recent spate of concerts, she prefers to not have an audience around when she works.** "I prefer things that are private, so I love recording and I love making films," she says.

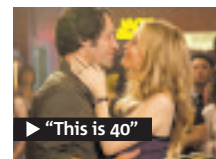
**9 She can do a lot of things well, but she is terrible in the kitchen.** "I can't cook at all. I mean, I would not know how to make coffee. Maybe boil an egg, maybe I could figure that one out," she says.

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## Top 3

### Reasons to hit the multiplex



- **1. "This is 40"** Paul Rudd and Leslie Mann return as the somewhat happily married couple from Judd Apatow's 2007 hit "Knocked Up." This time around, the parents of two young daughters (played by Apatow's daughters in real life) struggle with the idea of growing older together.
- **2. "Jack Reacher"** Tom Cruise takes on the famed character from author Lee Child's best-selling series. Reacher is a homicide investigator who goes beyond the dictates of the law when investigating random shootings.
- **3. "The Guilt Trip"** Barbra Streisand and Seth Rogen play mother and son in this road trip movie about two lonely souls reconnecting while on a hilarious journey across the country.

## TV watch list

### 'Jersey Shore'

**REALITY.** So long, meatballs — after six seasons of GTL, grenades and T-shirt time, the self-proclaimed guidos and guidettes who ruled Seaside Heights, N.J. — with minor detours attempting to look legit in South Beach



► "Jersey Shore"

and Italy — are closing the "Shore" house for good. Let's toast to MTV's most unlikely celeb housemates (at least since "The Real World" first bunked seven strangers under one roof) and the engagements, babies and sobriety that they have seen these last three years. But most importantly,

we must give our thanks to the cast for expanding our vocabulary — may you all live long, mint lives in accordance with girl/guy code. **Series finale, 10 p.m., MTV**

### 'CMA Country Christmas'

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Jennifer Nettles hosts this down-home holiday celebration with appearances by Lady Antebellum, Scotty McCreery, Keith Urban and more. **9 p.m., ABC**

### 'The X Factor'

**REALITY.** Five million bucks.

That's the size of the recording contract girl group Fifth Harmony, country singer Tate Stevens and young Carly Rose Sonenclar could walk home with tonight — and how much Fox hopes you actually love the winner the voting audience has chosen. **Season finale, 8 p.m., Fox** ● AMBER RAY



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# Wanna meet someone? Use your social network

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► Not the Facebook sort of social network — meeting friends of friends face to face is one of the best ways to find new connections.

Feeling lonely this holiday season? How about turning your friends into your own personal dating service. Turns out, 68 percent of people met their spouse through someone they know.

It makes sense: There are great advantages of meeting someone through an acquaintance. Namely, they can vouch for the fact your new love interest isn't completely lame, psychotic or on the verge of getting back together with an ex. And because you know someone in common, whoever you meet will be more likely to act like a decent human being because they'll be more accountable for their actions. Of course, to take full

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advantage of your social network, you should actually ask your friends to introduce you to people. Hell, I say even ask your acquaintances if they know of anyone. The wider you cast your net, the more likely you'll be to find someone. We network all the time to find jobs, why should finding a significant other be any different? I'd argue that finding a partner is just as big of a part of your life (if not more) than finding a job. So get out there, be shameless! Guy or girl, it's completely normal to want to meet someone if you're single. There's no reason to get bashful about telling people you're actively looking.

I know what you're thinking: If my friends knew someone who would

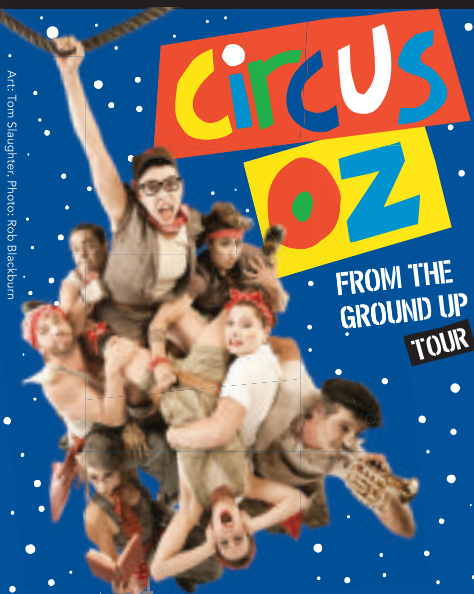
be good for me they would take the initiative on their own. Not true. First of all, friends may be trigger shy because they don't know you're open to being set up. Second, unless you ask your friends to think about all the singles they know, they're probably not actively considering all the cool people that might make a good match.

There are single guys and girls everywhere who want nothing more than to find someone but feel like they're banging their heads against the walls in the bar scene and online. Why not take a new strategy and see what happens?

— *Amber Madison is a Manhattan-based relationship expert and dating coach. She is the author of 'Are All Guys Assholes?' for which she traveled the country, spoke to over 1,000 men and discovered that the answer to this question is no. You can follow her on Twitter @ambermadi or online at [www.ambermadisononline.com](http://www.ambermadisononline.com)*

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► Jay-Z's protegee divulges her tips for a two-tone lip, plus talks Gwen Stefani and J.Lo.



► Rita Ora loves a red lip.

No one rocks a strong brow and bold lip quite like Rita Ora, so we felt compelled to pick her brain about her trademark look. In the process, Ora gave up a few tips on how to wear a two-tone red pout and the celebrity (it's J.Lo!) whose complexion she covets the most.

**On her morning routine:** "In the day, it takes about 10 to 15 minutes. If I don't have to wear makeup, I won't. I don't mind being caught on camera barefaced. And I think having healthy, glowing skin is really important. On off-days, I'll wear bronzer and a lipstick. A

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red lip and black liquid eyeliner would be my easiest look. It looks good on blondes—but this is all bleached!"

**Lipstick or lip gloss?** "I love a strong lip. I would see women like Marilyn Monroe and Gwen Stefani with red lips and they never looked like they gave a s— about what anyone had to say about them. They had such confidence. When I put red lipstick on, I want to be like them. The other day, I wore a pink and red dress, so I made my top lip pink and my bottom lip red. That was cool. Or you can do bright red on the outside and dark red on the inside and blend it."

**Her beauty icons:** "Kim Kardashian has good makeup. But J.Lo is my skin idol, I love her. Do I sound like a psychopath? My mum's really good with makeup. She'd say: 'Don't do a lip and an eye. Pick one.' I follow her advice—sometimes."

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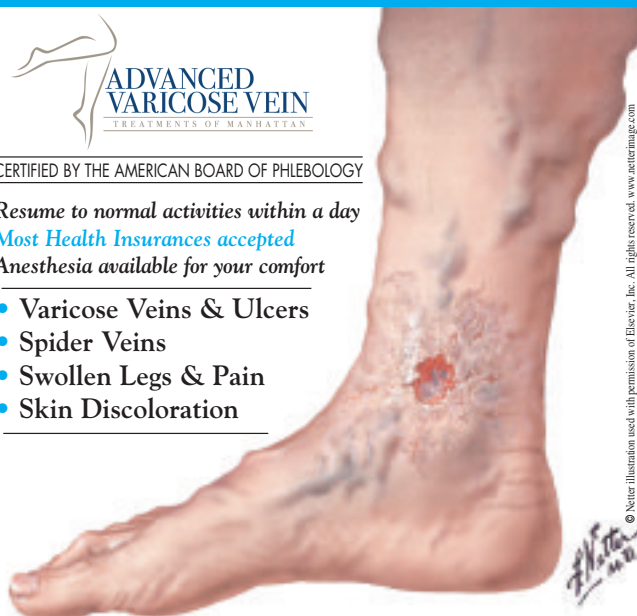
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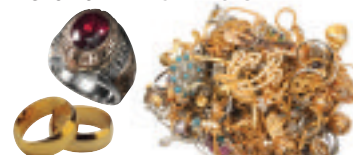
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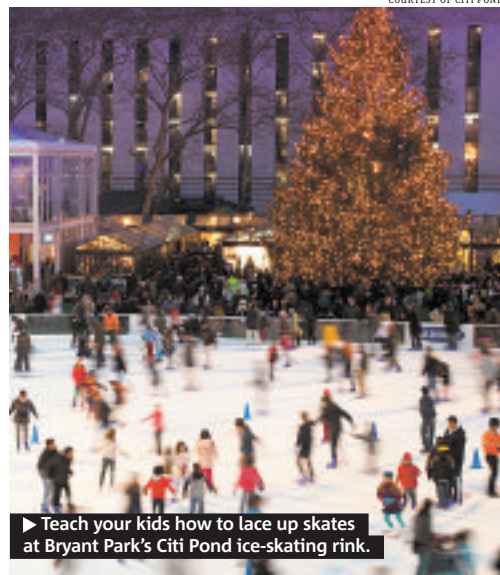


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be on your merry way.

The **American Girl Store** is right on the way to Rockefeller from Bryant Park, so stop in at the pink-splattered store to scope out the dolls, along with their newest outfits and activities. The company even has a doll hair salon to touch up the littlest ladies.

Fun for children as well as adults, the **Paley Center for Media**, on nearby 52nd Street, is presenting "Christmas Carols: A Scrooge Mash-up" this month, which has clips of different versions starring Mr. Magoo, Patrick Stewart and The Flintstones. Performances are Thursdays at 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m., and tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

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on Ice" package that includes skating in Bryant Park, plus a room. A minimum two-night stay is required for the deal, which starts at \$209; some suites have an extra room, which boast a couch that folds into a bed for the kiddos. Those start at \$420 per night.



## Horoscope

♈ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. Although you'll be able to adequately fend for yourself, your more notable benefits are likely to come from a partnership. You could actually be involved in two of them, with happy results.

♉ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Although you might have to once again deal with a matter that has given you much trouble, this time experience and wisdom are on your side. You'll come out ahead.

♊ Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Do not be a capricious risk-taker, but also don't be afraid to take a chance if doing so might serve your best interests. You must not let unfounded fear stop you.

♋ Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.

When it comes to your financial affairs, you might not do everything letter-perfect, but your good moves should outrank many of your bad ones and put you in the plus column.

♈ Aries March 21-April 19. It behooves you to be positive in all that you do. Instead of worrying about what may or may not happen, go out into the world, enjoying what your heart and head tell you to do.

♉ Taurus April 20-May 20. A pleasant surprise might be in store for you, when something that hasn't looked too profitable suddenly makes a big change for the better.

♊ Gemini May 21-June 20. Trust that things have a way of balancing themselves out, and you'll quickly find out that if you're not being treated too well in one case, something

else will make up for it.

♋ Cancer June 21-July 22. You've heard the old saying: "The harder you work, the luckier you get." This could be true in your case, when you achieve more than you expected through a lot of strong effort.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Although you're presently in a rather good cycle where your general interests are concerned, material rewards will require more arduous work. However, it'll be worth it.

♍ Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't depend on luck to provide what you want. However, an ambitious aim can be realized if you give it top priority and are willing to work hard to achieve it.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23. If you have to make an important judgment call that would af-

fect others as well as yourself, make it from a noble perspective. Good intentions will produce big advantages.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22. By being willing to work hard and playing your cards well, you could generate great financial benefits through a valuable and unusual source.

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## Solution to yesterday's crossword



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- 4 Stop up
- 8 Filled the hold
- 13 Glass ingredient
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- 16 Tea holders
- 17 Sound of the tone
- 18 Human herbivore
- 19 Bronze or Iron
- 20 "Here We Come —" (hyph.)
- 22 Treatment plan
- 24 Daring exploit
- 25 Corn Belt st.
- 26 Form droplets
- 28 Hill builder
- 31 Splinter groups
- 34 Big umbrella
- 35 Essayist's pen name
- 36 Comet — Bopp
- 37 Bach opus
- 38 River sediment
- 39 Racetrack shape
- 40 Pub orders
- 41 Confused (2 wds.)
- 42 Cotillion honoree
- 43 Lunar valley
- 44 "I" trouble
- 45 Journalist — Hume
- 47 Walk-on (2 wds.)
- 51 Christmas-y sound (2 wds.)
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- 56 London flashlight
- 57 Racer — Luyendyk
- 58 Roddick or Rooney
- 59 Upright
- 60 Green fruit
- 61 Large parrots
- 62 Longish dresses
- 63 Sports channel
- 64 Flight stat

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- 2 Dismantle a tent
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- 4 Gauzy trap
- 5 Tuna habitat
- 6 AAA suggestions
- 7 Keystone —
- 8 Imposed taxes
- 9 Skating leaps
- 10 Foxglove
- 11 Pizazz
- 12 China's — Xiaoping
- 13 Injury memento
- 20 Town near Des Moines
- 21 Slack-jawed
- 23 Pentium producer
- 26 Chewy roll
- 27 Rhea cousins
- 29 Egyptian River
- 30 "Toodle-oo!" (hyph.)
- 31 Not barefoot
- 32 Gutter site
- 33 Curdled
- 34 Beach scavenger
- 35 Bar legally
- 37 Orchestra leader Percy —
- 41 PR persons
- 43 Privileges
- 44 Farrell or Ford
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## Letters to the editor

## Founding Fathers wanted armed, responsible citizens

RE: "THE FOUNDERS KNEW ONLY FLINTLOCKS"

(METRO, DEC. 19) Letter writer Larry D. Fowler's letter is hopelessly inaccurate. First, there weren't 40, or any amount of "signers" to the U.S. Constitution. The U.S. Constitution was not "signed" by anyone; it was ratified by the State Legislature of each of the 13 colonies. Second, if Mr. Fowler was referring to the signers of the Declaration of Independence, well there were 56 signers, not 40, and I don't think one would describe Samuel Adams, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin as "northern aristocrats." Third, the Founding Fathers did envision every American to be armed. One of the laws passed by Congress and signed by George Washington in 1792 was a law requiring all able-bodied adult males to purchase and keep a rifle.

STEPHAN DEJEAN, VIA E-MAIL

The Founding Fathers may not have anticipated

ed automatic guns when they wrote the Second Amendment, but I think they did anticipate personal responsibility from the citizenry. But, alas, this is something we seem to have lost in this society.

MARC MALOOF, VIA E-MAIL

## Vote out anyone in bed with NRA

Following the tragic massacre of children and teachers in Newtown, only the latest of multiple episodes of gun violence in the United States, the public must finally be ready to demand action. We claim to be a civilized society but have the worst record for gun violence of all industrialized countries. It is now clear that a very important factor if not the most important factor in causing gun violence is a failure of effective gun control in the United States. I place this failure squarely at the feet of the NRA and the gun lobby. I now call on both liberals and conservatives to vote out of office any congressman that supports the NRA or the gun lobby or that refuses to support gun control measures soon to be introduced by President Obama and others.

GEORGE CHRISTIAN, VIA E-MAIL

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ning views of the ball drop in Times Square and a black-tie-optional dress code for those who want to get swanked out to the max in this newly redesigned space. Atop the Dream Hotel in

Midtown, this DJ-spun affair offers bottle service, a champagne toast and a special couple's package for those who want to share a midnight kiss at a private rooftop table. **Tickets start at \$395.**



► Should old acquaintance be forgot, find some new ones at Gemini & Scorpio's fete!

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ing \$10,000 or \$65 on your New Year's Eve? Whatever your price range, you'll find a celebration that fits your budget and maxes out your fun factor at Jay-Z's famed nightclub.

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## In the news

## Ichiro returns

They may still have questions at catcher, but the Yankees did sign Ichiro Suzuki to a new deal yesterday. Ichiro was brought back on a two-year, \$13 million deal, to be split evenly at \$6.5 million each season.

The 10-time All-Star outfielder was traded to New York last July after 11 seasons in Seattle. He hit just .261 with a .281 OBP in 95 games for the Mariners, but had a .322 average and .340 OBP in the Bronx. **METRO**

# TIEBREAKERS

► Manhattan takes third game of borough battle ► Hold season series advantage, 2-1 ► Nets totally dominated in second half

Carmelo Anthony made a triumphant return to the lineup, as he helped the Knicks beat the Brooklyn Nets, 100-86, last night at the Garden.

Anthony, who had missed the two previous games with a sprained left ankle, got off to a hot start, and looked as if he was never absent. But that's what happens when a banged-up player sees an opponent who's customarily been easy pickings — they just find a way to heal quicker. Anthony didn't disappoint, as he registered eight of the Knicks' first 17 points, en route to a game-high 31 points on the evening.

The Knicks (19-6) entered the game shorthanded, as reserve forwards Steve Novak (flu-like symptoms), Rasheed Wallace (sore foot) and Marcus Camby (plantar fasciitis) didn't dress. But Anthony and his supporting cast more than picked up the slack.

Tyson Chandler also chipped in for the win, notching 16 points — mostly off dunks on the



► Jason Kidd finished the game with seven points, eight rebounds and five assists.

pick-and-roll or off lobs. Chandler shot 7-of-11 from the field and added three blocks.

The Knicks also held their own on the glass despite being undermanned and undersized. New York entered the game 21st in total rebounding, but what helped offset that deficiency was the fact they scrapped for every loose ball and got timely team rebounds when it mattered most.

Chandler led the Knicks in rebounds with 12, but

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KNICKS (19-6)

86

NETS (13-12)

also got help from others, including a surprising eight caroms from Jason Kidd. It was Chandler's 10-point third quarter that created the necessary space for the Knicks, as they expanded a four-point halftime lead to eight. Chandler was all the muscle the Knicks needed in the interior, as his third quarter offset Deron Williams's brilliant nine-point frame.

The Nets (13-12) have now lost two of three matchups to the Knicks this season, and have continued their slide, losing three straight, including eight of their last 10.

They have now given the Knicks a comfortable six-game lead in the Atlantic Division.

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## Ryan sending mixed signals on QB position

When the Jets made the loudest move of the NFL offseason, the organization promised Tim Tebow was going to be the team's backup quarterback.

And yet, it will be third-stringer Greg McElroy — made inactive two weeks in a row — under center on Sunday.

"To me, I kind of made a decision in my gut that the best thing for our football team is for Greg to be our quarterback now," head coach Rex Ryan said. "That's how I felt about it. I liked the way obviously Greg finished that game [against] Arizona and I like what he does on the practice field. That's why I made that decision."

The Jets are now left to play defense on why they made the trade for Tebow in the first place.

"We had a vision of using Tim different ways. Obviously we used him as a personal protector [on punts]. I thought maybe we'd use him in other ways or something. We haven't run a whole lot of those plays," Ryan said. "Obviously the cracked ribs contributed to the lack of playing time, that was probably four or five weeks right there. Again, Tim's a great competitor, I knew he was. He's a good teammate." **KRISTIAN DYER**

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## In the news

## ND's Kelly earns honor

Notre Dame's Brian Kelly took the honors as AP Coach of the Year in college football yesterday.

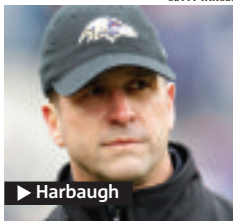
Kelly, in his third season with the Irish, coached the team to a 12-0 record and this year's BCS National Championship game.

Bill O'Brien, who coached a depleted, beleaguered Penn State to eight wins, finished second. ● METRO

# Ravens don't fear Giants' pass rush

Ravens head coach John Harbaugh doesn't necessarily fear the Giants' once-vaunted defense, and for probably good reason. Big Blue's front seven has been in a season-long slump.

When Harbaugh was asked if he fears the Giants' defense during his weekly conference call with the New York media, the fiery head coach had to catch himself after his first



► Harbaugh

response.

"I wouldn't use that word," Harbaugh said,

though he quickly backpeddled. "We respect them. We think they're very good. They've got a great front, and I think their secondary is playing exceptionally well."

Jason Pierre-Paul, Justin Tuck and Osi Umenyiora have combined for 15.5 sacks this season. Pierre-Paul had 16.5 sacks by himself last season.

● TONY WILLIAMS

## Raven's Rice taking on local team

Ravens running back Ray Rice is a native of the tri-state area and played in college at Rutgers, so he's well aware of the Giants' reputation on defense.

When asked whether Big Blue's defense is slumping or simply on the decline, he didn't take the bait.

"They're still a very physical bunch, [and] obviously they have premier pass rushers, smart line-



backers and physical safeties," Rice said. "When that team puts it

all together, there's a reason as to why they're Super Bowl champs."

Rice is still looking forward to playing against his local team though.

"Anytime you have the chance to play against a New York opponent, it's a big game for me," Rice said. "I still have to go up there in the off-season and visit my mom and get a chance to see those guys." ● METRO/TW

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